

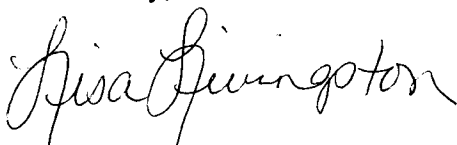
Reference Docket No. 2009-489-E:

Public Service Commission of South Carolina
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The rate hike proposed by SCE&G is not acceptable. While every other business in not just the country but the world is cutting back, SCE&G in there genius wants a rate hike. This rate hike is supposedly due to the installation of computerized meter readers. These computerized meter readers will ultimately require fewer meter readers and bring a cost savings to SCE&G. However, I am sure this rate hike will not be lowered when SCE&G recognizes those savings. SCE&G's utility charges need to come in line with other utility companies like Duke Power and Santee-Cooper. Thus far the Public Service Commission of South Carolina has been a rubber stamp for SCE&G this must stop.

Do any executives at SCE&G watch the news, apparently not; if they did they would know that South Carolina has one of the highest unemployment rates in the country. To even request a rate hike at a time when people cannot make ends meet is absolutely unacceptable. After all, at what point does this end? The commission should not only vote against this rate hike but force SCE&G to come in line with other utility power companies in South Carolina. I sincerely hope the Public Service Commission will do something they have never done before and vote against allowing SCE&G yet another rate hike. It's time for the commission to stand up for SCE&G customers who have no other alternatives. Please stop the madness that is SCE&G!

Sincerely,



Lisa Livingston